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Abstract

India is teeming with aromatic and medicinal plants that span a vast expanse and are subject to a variety of environmental conditions. India is recognised as a region characterised by abundant plant diversity and endemism due to its strategic geographical location, complex geomorphology, preservation of flora from previous geological periods, and the interaction and coexistence of biotic and abiotic factors. This characteristic also influences the identification of "medicinal and aromatic plants" (MAPs). This review paper provides a concise overview of "Medicinal and Aromatic plants" (MAPs). In addition to discussing their individual attributes such as uses, management, and benefits, it examines the collective significance of MAPs in the Indian agricultural sector and their correlation with organic farming.

Keyword: Medicinal Plants, Aromatic Plants, Cultivaion, organic farming, Agriculture.

I. Introduction

India has long been regarded as an inventory of aromatic and medicinal plant species of immense value. Over 9500 plant species have been identified and documented by the "Ministry of Environment and Forests" due to their significance in the pharmaceutical industry. Amid the current healthcare landscape characterised by a return to "nature," it is crucial that not only are these essential plant species conserved, but their cultivation is improved to satisfy the needs of domestic industries in full and capitalise on the promising export potential. Furthermore, transitioning from the collection to the cultivation of aromatic and medicinal plants will guarantee the sustainability, authenticity, and purity of the raw materials needed to manufacture herbal medications, including polyherbals. The annual foreign exchange earnings potential of this collection of plants is projected to exceed $3000 million US dollars. A considerable array of medicinal plants have benefited from the agro-techniques developed by state agricultural universities. As a result of disorganised marketing arrangements, the complete potential of this sector has not been realised. The "Department of Indian Systems of Medicines" & Homoeopathy has established a Medicinal Plants Board to assist in the resolution of all concerns.(Chowti et al., 2018)

In addition to alleviating poverty, MAP and other livelihoods reliant on biodiversity have the potential to foster social equity and achieve gender parity. It is simple to integrate MAP-based livelihoods with other elements that contribute to the improvement of human welfare. Medicinal plants are gifts from nature to humanity. In developing nations, traditional medicine serves as the primary means of healthcare for 80% of the population, as reported by the World Health Organisation. Species of economically significant plants (those utilised for sustenance, traditional medicine, pigment production, and soil stabilisation) are safeguarded. India, being among the most abundant sources of medicinal plants globally, is home to approximately 45,000 species.

However, according to the "National Medicinal Plant Board", only 60 of these species are utilised extensively in the commercial sector. Particularly for tribal peoples, medicinal plants offer vital means of subsistence for millions of rural individuals worldwide. The acquisition, straightforward processing, and commerce of medicinal plants significantly augment the household income of impoverished individuals. In the majority of nations, traditional knowledge (TK) pertaining to the cultivation, innovation, as well as preservation of medicinal botanicals is a significantly gendered endeavour. With the continuous advancement of society, we have inadvertently exposed ourselves to certain inevitable health complications. At present, 7.6 crore people, or one-fourth of the adult population, in our country suffer from hypertension and diabetes. A significant number of individuals are incapable to afford the exorbitant expenses associated with medical treatment. Thus, medicinal plants contribute significantly to cost reduction and health maintenance. Substance dependence on chemical-based medications results in a variety of adverse effects on the body over time. In contrast, during ancient times, our predecessors exclusively relied on plant-based remedies for medicinal purposes, which led to their improved health and prevented any subsequent decline. Consumed appropriately, the effectiveness of aromatic and medicinal plants remains unchanged. However, the excessive exploitation and indiscriminate utilisation of medicinal plants pose a significant threat to our invaluable natural resources.

A. Aromatic Plants

Aromatic plants are composed of volatile substances with pungent odours, which are present in various plant parts such as the stem, leaf, wood, bark, oleoresin, and exudate gum. These parts include the root, fruit, leaf, and bark. The distinct fragrance is the result of the combined action of numerous complex chemical compounds. Fragrances or fragrances are synonymous with essential oils, since they contain the active components or essence of the plants. At room temperature, substances that are volatile or ephemeral in nature are referred to as oils. Critical oils are low-volume, high-concentration substances. Presently, there exists a limited body of knowledge regarding the chemistry as well as properties of essential oils, encompassing only about 500 species out of an estimated "1500 species of aromatic plants" that are utilised as raw materials in the perfumery industry. Around fifty of these species derive their commercial value from essential oils & aroma compounds; however, the quantity of species that utilise them on a daily or large-scale basis barely surpasses two dozen.

Chemical flavourings and essential oils comprise a vast array of industrial products. These oils are constituents of necessities in numerous domains of human existence. These substances are found in confectioneries, ice creams, cosmetics, detergents, medicinal products, agarbathis, tobacco, and a multitude of other products that are related. Natural substances are enjoyable and beneficial. The fervour for natural and uncomplicated objects and the apprehension for the environment have both propelled a "green movement" in the realm of manufactured and natural consumer products. The industry is poised for an unexpected development in the future, as global coal and petroleum reserves continue to deplete and the notion of reverting to nature gains international traction. This will restore the industry's dependence on perennial natural sources rather than petrochemicals. As a result of essential oils' and fragrances' many practical applications, the market for these products is certain to continue growing.

1- Parameters of Aromatic Plants

Crop management: Aromatic plants require rigorous maintenance. Diverse species necessitate unique conditions for their cultivation. Soil type and cultivation strategy have a significant impact on the characteristics of numerous aromatic and medicinal plants; therefore, care needs to be taken to ensure adequate yields. Conservation agriculture techniques, such as tillage-free farming, may be implemented in addition to conventional cultivation methods to preserve soil organic matter and water. Rotation is recommended by the World Health Organisation as a means to reduce insect as well as plant disease issues.

Distillation: An assortment of aromatic plant parts are utilised for various objectives. Components of flowers are used to impart fragrance. The plant produces essential oil in its seeds, blossoms, and foliage. There was no oil present in the stem. Oil quality and content are influenced by the age of flowers and foliage. A greater proportion of blossoms and foliage to stem yields more oil. Herb yield and oil quality can both be improved by cultivating crops during the complete blossom stage. Utilising steam distillation, plant oils are extracted.

Quality Evaluation, advertising, and labeling: The assessment of aromatic plant quality encompasses factors such as freshness, viability, and composition. The chemical make-up of the oil is thought to be the most crucial factor in oil production. Concerning the quality, safety, and presumed efficacy of herbal as well as dietary supplement products, there have been complaints that insufficient criteria and

empirical evidence are provided. Amber-colored canisters or aluminium containers are recommended for the storage of oil. They ought to be densely filled to the capacity and stored in an environment devoid of any moisture. Aromatic plant products undergo numerous quality alterations during storage.

B. Medicinal Plants

Throughout history, humanity has relied on natural resources to fulfil their most fundamental needs, including but not limited to medicines, shelters, food, fragrances, garments, aromas, fertilisers, and transportation. A significant portion of the global population continues to rely on medicinal plants for their healthcare needs, with this being particularly evident in developing nations where "herbal medicine" has a rich historical background. There is a growing awareness and appreciation in both developed and developing countries regarding the potential medicinal and economic benefits of these plants. For millennia, conventional traditional medical systems have been built upon the fundamental principles derived from flora. The flora continue to provide novel remedies for humanity. Certain purported advantageous attributes attributed to plants have been proven to be fallacious, and the efficacy of medicinal plant remedies is predicated on empirical discoveries accumulated over several millennia. The utilisation of traditional medicine is prevalent throughout Thailand, China, India, Japan, and Pakistan. Traditional tribal remedies in China account for an estimated 40% of the nation's total medicinal consumption. Herbal remedies in Thailand are derived from legumes belonging to the Caesalpiniaceae, Fabaceae, and Mimosaceae families. An estimated $2.5 billion or more was generated through the sale of herbal medicines in the mid-1990s. In Japan, demand for herbal medicinal preparations exceeds that of conventional pharmaceutical products.

1- Ecological status of medicinal plants

For millennia, traditional remedies have been derived from the forests of India. 7500 species of the 17,000 higher plant species documented in India are recognised for their therapeutic properties. Alternative medicine is gaining popularity due to its affordable prices and the growing confidence that individuals have in herbal remedies. A diverse array of ailments can be cured with allopathic medicine; nevertheless, its exorbitant costs and adverse effects are prompting an increasing number of individuals to revert to herbal remedies, which are known for their comparatively minor side effects. To meet their most fundamental requirements and replenish their income, rural people in the semi-arid South-West Madagascar area of Mahipal rely heavily on the extraction of natural resources. Such an excessive use of resound Madagascar, boasting over 90% endemic plant and animal species, is considered to be a globally significant biodiversity centre. Nevertheless, the degradation of its ecosystem poses a grievous threat to these invaluable resources. About a quarter of allopathic medications come from plant-based chemicals, and a lot more are synthetic versions of them based on prototype molecules that were identified from plants. The World Health Organisation estimates that up to 80% of the global population relies on traditional medicine for their fundamental healthcare requirements.

2- Medicinal Plants and Human Health

Over eighty percent of the population in Asia has access to affordable, culturally appropriate, and readily available medicinal plants as primary health care.These culturally recognisable, economically viable, generally efficacious traditional remedies are particularly vital for marginalised populations, as they lack access to or the means to utilise formal health care systems. Malaria, gastric ulcers, and a multitude of other ailments are addressed in traditional medical systems of several South and East Asian nations through the use of thousands of plant species. The preservation and advancement of the spiritual and cultural values associated with traditional remedies enjoys resolute and consistent regional public endorsement.

3- Conservation and Management of Medicinal Plants

The global environmental crisis of the last thirty years has prompted a delayed recognition that humanity is an integral part of nature. This recognition represents a paradigm shift in biological & ecological research, which previously held the view that natural entities were entirely detached from social and political contexts. The significance of ethno-biological knowledge in resource management has been widely recognised for its capacity to propose novel avenues for scientific inquiry, facilitate conservation monitoring, and enhance comprehension of ecological processes. International organisations including the World Wildlife Fund & UNESCO have advocated for the integration of local communities' perspectives and practises into resource management and research on ethnobotanical knowledge as part of their People and Plants initiative joint programme.

We now have a better grasp of the interplay between social as well as ecological processes thanks to the incorporation

of local-use patterns & the institutional and social framework that governs human-nature interactions into biological & ecological research. The dialectical relationship that exists between ethno-biological knowledge and local practises influences the constituent plant populations of an ecosystem. Within the framework of community-based initiatives, the scientific comprehension of ecosystem dynamics and worldwide perspectives on biodiversity conservation collide with the local communities' understanding, values, and perceptions of the various ecosystem components.

C. Importance of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

The Social Perspective: The practise of utilising medicinal plants to fulfil the fundamental health care and nutritional requirements of families is deeply ingrained in all cultures of South Asia and has been observed for a minimum of four millennia in several nations. Proficiency in the utilisation of plant products, cultivation techniques for numerous frequently cultivated plants, and the technologies necessary for their transformation into everyday domestic items is sufficient to warrant acceptance in this regard.

Protection of Traditional Knowledge: The critical nature and preservation of traditional knowledge derived from medicinal plants, which remains prevalent in the hilly regions and gorges of South Asia, cannot be emphasised enough. Widespread belief holds that the ancient traditional medical system Ayurveda originated in the sacrosanct Himalayas, which are also referred to as the "abode of God" or "dev Bhumi." A substantial number of traditional physicians have been practising indigenous medicine for centuries, and the indigenous people of the Himalayas have a wealth of local health traditions.

Environmental Perspective: The increasing lack of concern regarding consumer goods derived from chemical substances and unsustainably exploited forest products that have become unethical have generated new markets for organic, certified, and high-quality botanical products. Medicinal plants possess the capacity to satisfy these requirements by offering environmentally favourable health alternatives and various other products suitable for both industrial and domestic use. These plant species are widely distributed throughout South Asia, existing as trees, shrubs, grasses, and vines. As environmentally benign botanical products, their entry into the global food and pharmaceutical markets is regarded as a new and emergent opportunity that can aid in environmental preservation by fostering community-based conservation.

D. Medicinal, Aromatic Plants and Their Uses

By 3000 BC, the Chinese had already developed systematic pharmacopoeias, and they were employing more than 350 herbal treatments. Ayurveda, a botanical medicine system prevalent in South-East Asia, Sri Lanka, and India, encompasses over 8000 plant remedies and employs an estimated 35,000-70,000 plant species. In providing healthcare, China has exhibited the most effective application of traditional medicine. Numerous traditional herbal remedies have been pharmacologically validated and enhanced in China before being incorporated into the formal health care system.

Numerous biochemical products produced and stored by green plants are extractable and utilised as chemical feedstocks or as scientific investigation raw materials. A multitude of secondary metabolites derived from plants are both commercially significant and utilised in various pharmaceutical compounds. Environmental changes, cultural practises, wide geographical distribution, manpower expense, selection of better plant stock, and overexploitation by the pharmaceutical industry are some of the variables that make it difficult to maintain a consistent supply of the source material. Plants, particularly those that are utilised in Ayurveda, have the potential to supply lead structures and biologically active molecules that can be utilised to create modified derivatives that exhibit increased activity and/or decreased toxicity. Approximately 120 therapeutic agents with known structures have been isolated from 90 species of flowering plants, representing the small fraction that has been analysed thus far.

E. Organic Farming with Aromatic and Medicinal Plants

Synthetic compounded compounds, fungicides, growth regulators, and animal feed supplements are avoided or substantially excluded from the organic agricultural product system. To the greatest extent feasible, organic husbandry systems incorporate factors such as crop gyration, crop residues, animal byproducts, legumes, green manure, mechanical civilization, off-ranch organic waste, mineral-bearing gems, and natural pest control techniques. These considerations serve to sustain soil productivity, provide nutrients to factories, and manage insects, weeds, and other pests. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that over one billion individuals use herbal remedies to some degree.

21,000 plant species with reported medicinal applications from around the globe have been enumerated by the WHO. India is renowned for its abundance of medicinal plant

foliage, comprising approximately 2500 species. Approximately 1500 of these species are utilised on a commercial scale to a significant degree, whereas the range is between 2000 and 2300 for traditional medications. On a global scale, India and Brazil are the leading exporters of medicinal plants. An approximated 550 crore rupees are associated with medicinal plants in India. India is home to an abundance of 2500 species of delicious plants, out of a total of 20,000 in the globe. Ayurvedic ethical terminology provides the remaining portion. There is significant demand for medicinal and delicious plants, as the global demand for botanical products increases by 7% annually.

1- Relationship between organic farming systems and medicinal & aromatic plants

The ecological harmony that can be achieved between human beings and the natural world has been enhanced by organic cultivation. The organic matter content of the soil serves as a direct indicator of its fertility. Organic husbandry systems prioritise the utilisation of organic matter to promote soil health, facilitate the growth and introduction of beneficial microorganisms, and reduce foodborne health risks. Medicinal and delicious commodities are in high demand in ultramodern society due to the desire to acquire vibrant natural products for human health. It has achieved worldwide recognition and is in high demand among pharmaceutical companies as well as fragrance and aroma experts worldwide. Physically and chemically, the quality of the emulsion extracted from organically grown sweet and medicinal crop shops is greater than that of the conventional system. However, organically tending to these crops requires a sophisticated approach to system design that integrates sustainability and production.

Growers of organic produce must contemplate the ways in which the vibrant components of their system—soil health, insect and vegetation management, and reels—maintain profitability and productivity. While methods may differ across ranches and regions, crop gyration remains a fundamental component of any effective periodic organic husbandry system. Raises organic matter and soil conservation, controls weeds, complaints, and nonentities, improves water conservation and quality, increases biodiversity and wildlife niches, and guarantees profitable husbandry. A meticulously organised gyration transcends its immediate vicinity by attending to the interrelationships among all components of the husbandry system—weeds, parasites, insects, soils, as well as crop product—instead of focusing solely on its operational domain. Ensuring healthy soil is just as important as having a good gyration when it comes to creating a lucrative and successful organic system.

F. Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and Sustainable Agriculture in India

In addition to its diverse ethnic, linguistic, and climatic zones, India is home to over one billion people. Ten biogeographic zones comprise the nation: northeast India, islands, coasts, the western Ghats, the Gangetic plains, and the Indian deserts and semi-arid regions. The territory encompasses a wide variety of climatic and altitude conditions, ranging from alpine to tropical (6,000 m from sea level). The country's documented forest area comprises approximately 63.73 Mha, or 19.39%, of its overall land area. Additionally, the region is home to some of the earliest known human civilizations. India's extensive resources have been a source of contention since antiquity, inspiring numerous invasions that have disseminated its wealth and expertise throughout the globe. The country has the lowest annual per capita medication consumption of any country in the world, at approximately $3. This is primarily due to the continued prevalence of traditional remedies rooted in solid ancient medical systems. India is cognizant, given the expanding domestic and global markets for medicinal plants, of the importance of conserving and utilising its natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Rural inhabitants of India regard medicinal plants as having a significant sociocultural, health care, and spiritual significance. It is common knowledge that "Health for All" remains an unattainable objective in India. Health issues including stress, allergies, diabetes, OA, neurological illnesses, and memory loss are anticipated to worsen with other concerns like overpopulation, air and water pollution, and longer life expectancy. Future generations' well-being, productivity, and quality of life may be impacted. India has a significant comparative advantage over other nations in the "medicinal and aromatic plants" (MAPs) sector due to its status as one of the 12 mega biodiversity centres and its possession of 7% of the world's biodiversity. Medicinal plants can be found throughout India, from the Himalayas to the marine environment, deserts to rain forests. The majority of aromatic and medicinal plants come from wild, uncultivated areas, however many species are in risk of extinction due to the growing number of biotic and abiotic stresses on their natural environment. Consequently, the incessant expansion of the MAPs sector poses a growing challenge in satisfying its demands, thereby exposing natural resources to vulnerability. MAPs are also associated with the

means of subsistence of the weakest of the impoverished in the nation.

G. Advantages of medicinal and aromatic plants

Homestead cultivation: A multitude of medicinal plants, including brahmi, tulsi, mint stevia, and gudamari, are viable options for cultivation on a homestead. Home gardens play a pivotal role in meeting various essential community and household requirements, including but not limited to assuring primary healthcare, generating income, and promoting nutritional status within the family.

Easy to establish: Given that most plants are aromatic and medicinal, they are generally resilient. As a result, they readily establish themselves in a variety of substrates and climates. Ex situ and in situ techniques are often employed to preserve and guard medicinal and aromatic plants.

Minimum care: As they are predominantly aromatic and medicinal, plants with low care and input requirements exhibit robustness and produce abundant yields.

Short duration: The majority of medicinal plants have a brief life span, and harvesting typically commences three to four months after sowing. The initial harvest of Brahmi, tulsi, and stevia lemon grass occurs three to five months after planting in the inaugural year. Subsequent harvests occur at intervals of sixty to seventy days.

Income generation: MAPs supplement the income of impoverished rural residents and forest inhabitants. The extent to which locals rely on MAP-based livelihoods is substantial, given that it provides essential currency to subsistence farmers, particularly small-scale cultivators, collectors, processors, and traders, and employment opportunities for the impoverished.

Employment opportunities: The labour force is engaged in a variety of tasks, including but not limited to harvesting, dehydrating, selecting, packing, transporting, loading and offloading, categorising, and repackaging. MAP-based initiatives have the potential to generate employment opportunities for socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals.

II Literature Review

(Riaz et al., 2021) The MAPs, or medicinal and aromatic plants, are all the rage right now in the business world. The pharmaceutical business, health care products, cosmetics, organic food items, and many more employ MAPs. Medicinal plants & their derivatives are the primary focus of pharmaceutical patent applications, and in the last 20 years, forty percent of all newly authorised medications have been derived from natural sources. As a result, MAPs are becoming more popular across the world. Medicinal plants' monetary worth is affected by a wide range of domestic and global socioeconomic variables. Asia accounts for 44.35% of the world's botanical commerce in terms of volume (6.634

(Chowti et al., 2018) The core of Ayurveda is the use of medicinal herbs from India. The therapeutic properties of their marker chemicals or secondary metabolites make them useful in the treatment and prevention of several ailments. Examining the production landscape of aromatic and medicinal crops in Karnataka and India is the objective of the current investigation. Areas devoted to these crops have grown at a pace of 1.12% each year on average. The area devoted to growing aromatic and medicinal crops rose from 2,62,000 hectares in 2005–06 to 6,33,900 hectares in 2015–16. Equally impressive is the yearly growth rate of output, which has accelerated from 2,02,000 tonnes in 2005–06 to 10,22,500 tonnes, or 2.76%. With 56% of the total, Rajasthan has more land than any other state for medicinal and aromatic crops; Uttar Pradesh comes in second with 25%. With 44% of the total, Madhya Pradesh is the most productive state, followed by Rajasthan with 19%. There was an estimated 1,95,000 MT demand for medicinal plants from the domestic herbal sector, and a total of 1,34,500 MT was exported of herbal raw pharmaceuticals, including extracts.

(Phondani et al., 2016) This study explores the creation of a participatory strategy to encourage the growth of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) in the Champawat district of the Indian state of Uttarakhand as a means of preserving biodiversity and improving livelihoods. Before the National Agriculture Innovation Project began, farmers relied only on MAPs collected in the wild, according to a people perception study. But they did start cultivating things later on. The project included developing propagation methods for 11 chosen MAPs in that region and conducting a cost-benefit analysis. Farmers and merchants came together for a series of discussions and exposure trips, and they signed a memorandum of understanding to promote a MAP buy-back system. Over fourteen hectares of land, 132 farmers used MAP farming. By taking this route, farmers may protect MAP variety in their native environments while also enhancing their own knowledge, self-esteem, and skill sets.

(Beyene et al., 2016) Like with animals, the first uses of therapeutic herbs were based on instinct. The gradual transition from an empiric framework to one based on

explicatory facts occurred as the rationale for the use of certain medicinal plants for the treatment of particular ailments was being uncovered throughout time. All of man's necessities, including housing, clothing, food, flavouring, aroma, and medicine, have been supplied by plants. It is the mixtures of secondary products found in plants that usually provide their positive therapeutic effects. Primary healthcare in many nations is based on the plant's therapeutic properties. Many indigenous communities still rely on oral traditions to pass along information about the usage of certain plant species for therapeutic purposes. About a quarter of allopathic medications come from plant-based chemicals, and a lot more are synthetic versions of them based on prototype molecules that were identified from plants.

(Kumar & Jnanesha, 2016) Across its vast and varied landscape, India is home to a wide variety of medicinal and fragrant plants. India is a place of great plant diversity and endemism due to its geographical position, geomorphology, presence of flora from previous geological periods, and the coexistence and interaction of biotic and non-biotic factors. This fact also affects the category of medicinal plants and aromatic plants (MAPs). Astringent plants stop diarrhoea, acidic plants curb vomiting, and fragrant plants alleviate nausea, according to what man has discovered. Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Allopathy, and Homoeopathy all have great figures in ancient indigenous medicine. Many emerging nations go from using it for sustenance to using it for economic purposes within a few decades.

(Singh & Vidyasagar, 2015) United With more than 35,000 acres, Andhra Pradesh was leading the way in southern India for the production of medicinal plants. The regulatory bodies for medicinal plants in both states are actively advocating for the widespread cultivation of aromatic and medicinal plants, given their significantly higher revenue potential compared to conventional and commercial commodities. Between $4 and $5 billion is the current value of the worldwide trade in aromatic plants.

(Raei & Alami-Milani, 2018) These days, individuals all across the globe are very into organic goods. Organic food production has skyrocketed in the last few decades in response to insatiable consumer demand throughout the world. Because of this, organic farming is a fantastic option for manufacturing organic goods. Organic medicinal herbs have seen a dramatic increase in demand over the last several decades, thanks to their widespread use as a basic commodity. Conventional agricultural systems' careless use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides has a negative impact on bio-environmental sustainability; however, organic farming has the potential to reverse this trend.

(Name et al., 2023) Not only does organic farming ensure that people have access to nutritious food, but it also helps people live longer, healthier lives. Practising organic farming reduces pollution in every way. There are no harmful chemicals, fungicides, or other additives in it. The state of a living system's health is paramount. Factory, animals, people, and land should all benefit from organic husbandry's ability to maintain and improve health. The use of synthetic chemical illnesses and fungicides is an integral part of ultramodern husbandry, and it is not only harmful to human health but also alters soil fertility and the landscape.

III. CONCLUSION

A staggering 80% of the population in underdeveloped nations gets much of their medical treatment from traditional remedies, which are mostly derived from plants. Despite the fact that India's diverse climatic conditions are conducive to the cultivation of aromatic and medicinal plants, there has been little growth in the cultivation of these commodities. The value of aromatic and medicinal plants, along with their respective properties and benefits, has been outlined in this review paper. We also gain an understanding of the significance of MAP in the agricultural sector and its impacts in different regions, as well as a concise exploration of the interconnectedness of organic farming.

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